

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, June 23, 1726.

From the Evening Post, June 16.

Paris, June 18.

On the 6th Instant the King made the following Speech, in the Council of State at Versailles.

I T was Time I should take upon Me the Government of My Kingdom, and give my self up entirely to the Love which is due by Me to My People, that I may shew them how affected I am with their Fidelity. Tho' very sensible of the Zeal expressed by My Cousin the Duke of Bourbon, in the Administration of the Affairs I entrusted him with, and notwithstanding the high Affection I still preserve for him, I have thought proper to suppress and abolish both the Title and Functions of Prime Minister, I have ordered My Parliament of Paris to be acquainted with My Resolution, of taking in Hand the Government of the Kingdom, the like Notice shall be given to all my other Parliaments. I will also inform of it, by Letters, the several Governors and Intendants of the Provinces. The same has been notified to all My Ministers in Foreign Courts. My Intention is, that whatever concerns the Functions of Places, about My Person, be on the same Foot as it was in the Time of My Great Grandfather. I have appointed Mr. Pelletier des Forts, to be Comptroller General of My Finances, in the Room of Mr. Dodun, who beg'd Leave to resign. Mr. Breteuil having beg'd the like Favour, I have appointed in his Room Mr. le Blanc Secretary of State and War. The Councils shall be duly held upon the appointed Days, and all Affairs managed in Order. As to the Favours to be granted by Me, Application must be made to Me, and I will return the Petitions, with My Answer, either to My Keeper of the Seals, Secretaries of State, or Comptroller of the Finances, according as they shall relate to their Functions. I will appoint to each certain Hours for transacting with Me the Affairs under their Deportment, when the Ancient Bishop of Frejus shall always be present, as he will also when Persons who are in other Offices give Me an Account of their Administration. In a Word I intend to imitate in every Respect, as exactly as I can, the Example of the late King My Great Grand-father. If you think any Thing else needful in these

first Moments, you may propose it, with an entire Confidence. I expect from the Zeal to My Person, that you will second me in the Design I am in, of rendering My Reign Glorious, by rendring it serviceable to My People, whose Prosperity will always be the Object of My Care.

From Miss's Weekly Journal, June 11.

Friend Miss,

AS you are a distinguish'd Politician, as well as a Friend to the Muses, I could not help sending you a Tale of a political Nature and Reference, in a poetical Dress. It has been handed about in Manuscript; and as applauded by the best Judges, your Paper may make it better known, and more celebrated. And indeed, were I the Author, I'd send you a Purse of Guineas for such a Favour, because I could not think of more effectual Ways and Means to put the Performance in the Hands of the Powers of Europe, to whom it is addressed. I am,

June 1st,

1726.

Friend Miss,

Yours, &c. Solomon Sly.

P. S. What you do, do quickly.

Politis King of Thrace: or, The Peace-Keeper. A Tale from Plutarch. Addressed to the Powers of Europe in the 1726.

E'er Europe's Peace is broken quite,
E'er Fleets and Armies meet and fight,
E'er Blood is spilt, and Treasure spent,
E'er Crowns are lost, and Kingdoms rent;
Ye jarring Powers, with Patience, hear
A Tale from Plutarch, worth your Ear.

When Greeks, revengeful, had decree'd
Against the Trojans to proceed,
'Twas thought expedient to take in
What neighbouring Forces they could win;
That, by collated Rage and Strength,
The Town might be their own at length.
Ambassadors, among the rest,
To Polis carried their Request.

The Thracian, tardy like the Dutch,
Car'd not for War and Mischief much;
But warily the Cause enquir'd,
That had the Grecian Chiefs inspir'd
With hostile Fury-----

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'Twas told with Circumstances strong,
That Menelaus suffered wrong
From Paris, unprovok'd ; and how
Th' Adulterers liv'd together now :
But that, with his concurring Aid,
They were not in the least afraid,
But Helen should be had again,
And Troy laid level with the Plain.

He, good and wise, the Matter weigh'd,
And then in peaceful Manner said :
Is that your Quarrel ? That your Strife ?
Is all this Pother for a Wife ?
For Shame, ye Greeks, your Anger stifle,
Nor break the Peace for such a Trifle.
What tho' the Rape was most injurious ;
Consider Paris Love was furious.
'Twas wrong the Grecian to supplant,
And 'twere so, should the Trojan want.
Both must have Wives. Come, I have two :
And for the Sake of Peace and you,
(Tho' both are as belov'd by me,
As Wives, in Conscience, ought to be,)
I'll One to that same Trojan send,
And t'Other to my Grecian Friend :
If either of 'em should again,
For want of Female Flesh complain,
The Devil's in him : For my Part,
I'm satisfied, with all my Heart,
And must be very sick of Life,
When I take Cudgels for a Wife.

The Greeks despis'd these Ways and Means,
T'accommodate the Difference :
But headlong to the Battle rush'd,
And Ten long Years for Conquest push'd ;
Lost many Pounds, and many Lives,
Worth twenty times as many Wives.
And when at last the War was o'er,
What was it from the Field they bore ?
Why, Falstaff's Honour and a Whore !

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, June 16.

London, June 16. The Regiments of Aistruther,
Newton & Disney are to go on board the Squadron
design'd for the Mediterranean ; but the Royal Bat-
talion of Foot commanded by the Earl of Orkney,
and the Regiments of Middleton and Howard are
ordered back immediately for Ireland.

This Day his Grace the Duke of Richmond and
Sir Robert Walpole were installed Knights of the
most Noble Order of the Garter at Windsor : At
which magnificent Solemnity, a vast Concource of
Nobility and Gentry were present.

The King has been pleased to appoint George

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Townhead, Christopher Montague, John Whe-
tham, Roger Gale, Benjamin Mildmay, Richard
Elliot, George Duckett, Patrick Haldane & Charles
Polhill, Esqs. to be his Majesty's Commissioners for
the Management of the Revenue of Excise.

Since the Impressing of Seamen for the King's Ser-
vice, the common Sailors have raised their Wages,
and there's scarce one to be had for 40 s. p. Month
for the Merchants Use.

From the Flying Post, June 16.

To the Author.

SIR,

The happy Prospect of our Affairs abroad, has
given so considerable a Turn to the Advantage of
our Credit at home, that the Persons who wage-
red that S. S. Stock would be at 110, by the next
Shutting for the 3 per Cent. Dividend, are very
confident of Winning. The Malecontents indeed
continue selling imaginary Stock at low Price, to
to the Prejudice of Widows, Orphans, and private
Families, whom they even frighten out of their E-
states, by making them part with real Stock, that
they may have the Opportunity of getting in great
Quantities of Stock which they have borrowed ;
but 'tis thought that it will be next to impossible
for them to procure such Stock ; it being very ob-
servable that Foreigners have lately taken the Ad-
vantage of the Low Prices, and bought great Quan-
tities of the South Sea Stock, without being in
the least terrified by the Bugbears in Exchange
Alley.

We hear that a Treaty of Marriage is so far ad-
vanced, betwixt an eminent Wax chandler, late
of the City of London, and a Chamber Maid of Di-
stinction at Madrid, that nothing is wanting to
conclude it but a Dispensation from the Court of
Rome, for a Roman Catholick to marry a Member
of the Church of England as by Law established ;
the Consent of the Pretender, and his good Offices
with the Pope for to grant his Licence for the said
Marriage, and an authentick Certificate from the
proper Persons, to vouch that the Wax Chandler
is a Widower.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, June 18.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

BY the Holland Mail which arrived Yesterday we
have an Account from Brussels, That on the
14th instant an other Waggon laden with French
Coin passed thro' that City for Holland. The same
Day the Archduchess received a Courier from Pa-
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in France; which 'tis thought cannot be over pleasing to the House of Austria, since what was done in its Favour by the Regent of France during the Minority of the King, may now perhaps be disproved of.

The putting of the important Island of Sicily into the Hands of the Emperor, was a great Service to him; But his Gratitude for the same has not been such as to think this Island will always remain in his Possession.

Advices from the North seem positive, that the Czarina, mangre all the Endeavours of the Imperial Court will not be prevailed upon to come into the Treaty of Vienna; and that Admiral Wager had so likewise influenced the King and Senate of Sweden, that there was no Room to doubt, but the ancient Treaties concluded between Great Britain, France, Denmark and Prussia, will be religiously observed. Mean Time 'tis thought the Czarina, who has ordered eight new Gallies to be built in Room of those which on the 31st last was burnt by Fire that happened in the great Timber Yard at Petersburg; will, when an Opportunity shall offer hereafter, put her Designs in Execution for recovering the Dominions belonging to the Duke of Holstein.

Letters from Dublin say, that 10 Persons were seized there for enlisting Men into Foreign Service, and being examined before Justice Comtefeld, they were afterward committed to Newgate. That on the 10th past being the Prentender's Birthday, the Mob began to assemble from the Country as well as from the City, on St. Stephen's Green in the Morning, wearing white Roses in their Hats and Bonnets, and armed with Clubs and other Weapons. Several Gentlemen thereupon sent out their Servants to know the Reason thereof, whom they beat and abused, as they did also the opposite Party who wore red Roses: However it stood a very hard Fight with them, and many were much bruised and wounded on both Sides. The Constables and City Officers then came to suppress them, who were also resisted, and many of them dangerously wounded, insulting likeways My Lord Mayor and Sheriffs who came with them. They continued the Riot till ten at Night, when the Lord Justices ordered some Horse and Foot to march out against them, without beat of Drum, whom they had the Assurance to resist likewise so furiously, that they were obliged to fire against them before they could be dispersed; and 'tis said killed some of them, dangerously wounded divers, and took 40 or 50 Prisoners, and the Troops marched up and down the City till three of the Morning.

"Tis reported that several Bomb Vessels are fitting out at Deptford and Greenwich, to go with the Squadron under the Command of Sir John Jennings, who was this Day with the Admiralty, but whether he is bound is still a Mystery.

Middleton's Regiment that lately landed at Portsmouth being ordered to return to Ireland, embarked last Wednesday, and sailed with a fair Wind for Cork.

All Things being quiet in the North and in the South, they are seemingly under no Apprehensions of a Rupture, because of the Orders lately sent to Carthagena for the Galleons to return home this Year. The chief Enquiry now is whether Admiral Hosier in the West Indies will attack the Spanish Guard de la Coast, by Way of Reprisal for the many Ships they have taken from our Merchants in those Parts.

Sir William Drake of Devon was this Day married to a Daughter of Pier Williams Esq;

From the Evening Post, June 18.

Madrid, June 9. The D. de Ripera is so closely confined in the Castle of Segovia, that no Body is allowed to see him, except the Commissioners appointed to examine him, and draw up Informations against him.

London, June 18. S. S. Stock, 103, &c.

From Miss's Weekly Journal, June 18.

We hear from Brussels, That the Body of the Marquis de St. Philippe is to be buried in the Spanish Chapel belonging to the Convent of Dominicans in that City, where the Spaniards are usually buried. There was found amongst his Papers the History of Philip V. from his Accession to the Spanish Crown to the Time of his Resignation; which the said Marquis did not design to be made publick till after the Death of that Prince. There was also found several Essays on Natural and Moral Philosophy, written in Latin; as also two Poems, one called, *The Monarchy of the Hebrews*; the other, *The Life of Job*. Which 'tis supposed will be soon published to the World. The Truth on't is, he was distinguished for his Erudition, and delicate Taste of Learning.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

* * * That the FAIR of St. BOSEWEL's, holding on Leffudden green in the Shire of Roxburgh, which should have been held on Thursday the 7th of July next (1755 this Year) put off to Friday the 8th of said July, in virtue of the General Fast appointed to be observed the



GEORGE WADE Esq; Major General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North-Britain, &c.

WHEREAS His Majesty, by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, bearing Date the 18th Day of April 1726, has been pleased to authorize and appoint Me to examine such of the Half-pay Officers on the Establishment of Great Britain who reside in Scotland:

These are therefore to give Notice to the said Half-pay Officers, (who have not been examined this Year before the General Officers at the Horse Guards) That they do not fail Personnally to appear before Me at Edinburgh; to prove they are duly qualified and entitled to Half-pay, at some Time between the 15th and 30th Day of July 1726. And if any of the said Reduc'd Officers cannot Personnally appear, by Reason of Sickness; such Officer is to send an Affidavit, signed by himself, and made before a Justice of the Peace; declaring, That he is *unable* to appear at the said Examination: To which must be annexed, a Certificate of the same from the Minister of the Parish. The said Officers are also required, in the said Affidavit to mention their Age, the Time of their actual Service, in what Regiments and Countreys they served; and that they have no other Employment under the Government but as Half-pay Officers.

GEORGE WADE.

4- That JOHN LINDSAY of MAINS, for the Satisfaction of his Creditors, and for saving the Expence of Diligence, which his Estate cannot bear, has granted a Disposition of his whole Estate in favours of a Trustee for their Behoof. The Creditors are therefore desired to give in their Grounds of Debt, and a Note of what is resting them thereupon, to William Veitch and Thomas Goldie, Writers to the Signet, or to Gilbert Young Writer in Dumfries, betwixt and the 25th of June Inst. in order that the Extent of the whole Debts may be known, and thereafter a general Meeting of the whole Creditors may be appointed, to concert proper Measures for ranking themselves, and disposing of the Estate to the best Advantage, towards their Payment. 'Tis hoped the Creditors will so far regard their own Interest, as to give no Delay in doing what is proposed.

That, according to Adjournment, the Lands and Barowies of LOUNAN, AETHIE and NORTHTARRIE, at Twenty one Years Purchase, and reckoning the Virtual over-head at Five Pounds Scots the Boll: are to be exposed to Roup and Sale upon FRIDAY the Fifteenth Day of July next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of Lounan, 3 Firlots, one Peck Wheat; 77 Bolls, 1 Firlot, 2 Pecks Bear; 172 Bolls Meal; 633 L. 6 sfr. 8 d. Scots of Money-Rent; 24 Capons; beside 156 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of Aethie, 3 Bolls Wheat, 86 Bolls Bear, 119 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal, 519 L. 13 sfr. 4 d. Scots of Money Rent, 9 Wedders, 21 Capons, 78 Elns of Linen Cloath, besides 99 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. And of the Lands and Barony of Northtarrie, 172 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippies Bear, 69 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal; 262 L. 5 sfr. 4 d. Scots of Money-rent, 16 Capons, 9 Elns of Linen-cloth, beside 15 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. All the said Lands, holding Blanch of the Crown, and lying upon the Seacoast, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the par-

ticular Rentals, Conditions of Sale, and Progress of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.

Fishery-Office, May 24, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale, at their Office on TUESDAY being the 28th Inst. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. sterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undress'd ditto, at 15 sh. each. Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventory, to be set up at L. 9, 17, 8 sterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fishing, as per Inventory; to be set up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto to be set up at L. 14, 16, 4 sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventories and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Also there will be exposed to publick Sale at the said Office, and at the same Hour, 88 Lafts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be sold as they lie, at 14 sh. per Laft.

Notice is also hereby given, That the Managers of the Fishing Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fishery of Peterhead with the Petinents, and others belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 194 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1 16th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat-free Rent, over and above the Ministers Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houtes in Stonehaven, and Fish-Boats in the said Town, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereto, amounts in all to L. 72. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

The Managers of the Fishing Copartnery, finding that the Time appointed by the General Meeting, for making the first Dividend of the Stock amongst the Adventurers, draws near; and finding that a great many of their Certificates remain yet not taken out: Do hereby give Notice to all concerned, That the Officers of the said Copartnery will attend at the Burrow-room on Friday next, from 10 to 12 Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 after Noon, for giving out the same; and thereafter, at the same Place and Hours, of Monday the 30th Inst. on Wednesday the 1st, on Friday the 3d, on Monday the 6th, on Wednesday the 8th, and on Friday the 10th of June. After which last Day, the Books of Certificates will be laid aside, and no more issued till the first Dividend is over. The Managers do likewise further give Notice, That all Persons who have Certificates made out in their own Names, or who have Right to the same by Indorsement, may have their first Dividend of Fishery-Stock at the Rate of 5 sh. sterl. per Pound, paid them at the Burrow-room, on Monday the 20th of June, from 9 to 12 o'clock in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 o'clock in the Afternoon; and on Wednesday and Friday thereafter, at the same Place and Hours; and at such other Time and Place as shall hereafter be advertised.